

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

No. CR- 08-0553 MMC

Plaintiff,

**ORDER FOR CRIMINAL
PRETRIAL PREPARATION**

v.

JOSHUA PRATCHARD,

Defendant.

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Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

TRIAL:

Trial will begin on **MONDAY, July 20, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.**

Estimated length of trial is **Three (3) days.**

DISCOVERY:

By the close of business, **THURSDAY, March 27, 2009**, the parties will exchange the information, documents and tangible objects authorized by Fed. R. Crim. P. 16. Additional discovery shall be by motion accompanied by affidavits setting forth the unusual circumstances justifying discovery beyond the limits of Fed. R. Crim. P. 16.

PRIOR TO FILING ANY DISCOVERY-RELATED MOTIONS, COUNSEL SHALL:

1. Meet and confer with opposing counsel, and

2. File a declaration, under penalty of perjury, that counsel has conferred with opposing counsel with respect to each and every issue on an informal basis. Said declaration may be filed contemporaneously with the motion. If no such declaration is filed, the Court will return the motion papers to counsel.

1 **MOTIONS:**

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3 All motions will be heard on **WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.** Motions,
4 affidavits and memoranda shall be served, filed and an extra copy lodged with the Court by the
5 moving party by **4:00 p.m. April 22, 2009.** Any opposition shall be filed and an extra copy lodged
6 with the Court by **12 o'clock noon May 6, 2009.** Any reply shall be filed and an extra copy lodged
7 with the Court by **May 13, 2009.**

8 **PRETRIAL CONFERENCE:**

9 A Pretrial Conference will be held on **TUESDAY, July 7, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.** At
10 the Pretrial Conference the parties shall be prepared to discuss the matters set forth in Crim.L.R.
11 17.1-1(b).

12 **PRETRIAL PREPARATION:**

13 Not less than **five court days** before the Pretrial Conference, counsel for the
14 government shall:

15 (1) Serve and file a trial memorandum briefly stating the legal bases for the
16 charges and the anticipated evidence, and addressing any evidentiary, procedural or other
17 anticipated legal issues;

18 (2) Serve and file a list of all witnesses who may be called, together with a brief
19 summary of the testimony of each;

20 (3) Serve and lodge a proposed form of verdict on pleading paper containing no
21 reference to the party submitting it;

22 (4) Serve and lodge proposed questions for jury voir dire; and

23 (5) Serve and lodge copies of all exhibits to be offered at trial, together with a
24 complete list (see attached form) of those exhibits. Each exhibit shall be premarked (see
25 attached tags); generally the government shall use numbers, the defendant letters.

26 Not less than **five court days** before the Pretrial Conference, defense counsel shall
27 comply with subparagraphs (3) and (4) above, and, to the extent consistent with the defendant's right
28 to an effective defense, with subparagraphs (1), (2) and (5) above.

1 **JURY INSTRUCTIONS:**

2 All proposed jury instructions and any objections thereto are to be served and
3 submitted with the pretrial filings.

4 In advance of the pretrial filings the parties shall do the following:

5 (1) Meet and confer and resolve all jury instructions to the extent possible.
6 Parties are expected to resolve technical or semantic differences.

7 (2) Prepare one joint set of instructions upon which the parties agree.

8 (3) The parties shall submit separately only those instructions upon which there is
9 **substantive** disagreement. Each separate instruction shall note on its face the identity of the
10 party submitting such instruction. The party or parties objecting to an instruction shall file a
11 written objection. The form of the objection shall be as follows:

12 (a) Set forth in full the instruction to which the objection is made;

13 (b) Provide concise argument and citation to authority explaining why the
14 instruction is improper.

15 (c) Set forth in full an alternative instruction, if any;

16 (4) An original and two copies of the agreed-upon joint instructions, separate
17 instructions and objections shall be filed on or before the date for filing the joint pretrial
18 statement and other pretrial materials.

19 (5) All instructions should be concise, understandable and neutral statements of
20 law. Argumentative instructions will not be given and should not be submitted.

21 (6) Any modifications of instructions from Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instructions,
22 Devitt and Blackmar, or other form instructions must identify the modifications made to the
original form instruction and the authority supporting the modification.

23 **TRANSCRIPTS:**

24 If transcripts will be requested during or immediately after trial, arrangements must
25 be made with the court reporter at least one week before trial commences.

26 **CHANGE OF PLEA:**

27 Counsel shall give prompt notice to the United States Attorney and to the Court of
28 any intention to change a previously entered not guilty plea.

1 **EXHIBITS:**

2 Each party is responsible for their exhibits. Upon the conclusion of the trial, each
3 party shall retain their exhibits. Should an appeal be taken, it is the party's responsibility to make
4 arrangements with the clerk of the Court to file the record on appeal.

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6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 Dated: February 2, 2009

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12 MAXINE M. CHESNEY
13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE